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Assignment of poramboke and disafforested lands in Cuddapah.

301 *Q.*—Mr. ABDUL HYE SAHIB : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether it is a fact that all the poramboke and disafforested lands in Cuddapah district are being invariably assigned to a few Christian converts owing to the influence of the Missionaries and that in consequence there is a tendency on the part of the poorer villagers to embrace Christianity ?

A.—The Government have no information.

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" Considering the seriousness of the allegations against the district officers, will the Government be pleased to call for information ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF KOLLENGODE :—" For what particular locality does the hon. Member want to get information ? "

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" The Collector of the district may be asked to furnish information and submit a report."

Mr. M. RATNASWAMI :—" May I know the particular district officers against whom there are allegations ? "

(No answer.)

Failure of crops in the Malabar district.

302 *Q.*—Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the failure of the second paddy crop in parts of the Malabar district owing to want of rains ;

(*b*) whether the Government have ordered any inquiries to be made about the extent of the failure mentioned in clause (*a*) above ; and

(*c*) whether the Government intend to grant any remission of revenue on account of the said failure ?

A.—(*a*) The Government are aware that the second crop has failed in parts of Malabar owing to the unfavourable character of the season.

(*b*) The Collector is making the necessary inquiries.

(*c*) Under the rules in the Board's Standing Order No. 13, the Collector and the Jamabandi officer are competent to grant remission for loss of crops.

Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" Sir, has the Collector made any report on the matter ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF KOLLENGODE :—" He is inquiring into the matter, Sir."

Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" Is he making an inquiry on his own initiative or under orders from Government ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF KOLLENGODE :—" On his own initiative, Sir."

Remission of land revenue in Malabar.

303 *Q.*—Mr. V. MADHAVA RAJA : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware that, on account of the abnormal floods of the last south-west monsoon in the district of Malabar, much damage was caused to crops in the several parts of that district ;